Assembling of US F-5 Fighter in India

2064. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a U.S. firm—Northrop Corporation has offered to establish assembly line for their F-5 fighter and trainer aircraft in India;

(b) if so what are the financial and commercial implications of the proposed collaboration; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken in this regard so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It would not be in the public interest to give further details in this regard.

Pay and Allowances of armed forces personnel

2065. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pay, allowances and other conditions of service of different wings of armed forces personnel have been finalised following the 4th Pay Commission's Recommendations and fully accepted by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

Recommendations relating to pay structure

In the case of personnel below officer rank, Government have implemented the decisions on most of the recommendations of the 4th Central Pay Commission. Details of the revised scales of pay, allowances etc. contained in the Government of India Resolution No 1-E, dated Oct. 4 1986 have been published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary of October 17, 1986, copies of which are available in the Parliament House Library.

As regards Armed Forces Officers, Government decisions on the recommendations of the 4th Central Pay Commission on their revised scales of pay, allowances, etc. are contained in the Resolution No. 1E, dated March 18, 1987, published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated March 23, 1987, copies of which are available in the Parliament House Library.

Recommendations relating to pension structure

As regards pension structure of the Armed Forces officers and personnel below officer rank, Government decisions on the revised pension structure of the Armed Forces officers and personnel below officer rank are contained in the Resolution No. 2|13|87-PIC, dated March 18, 1987, published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated March 18, 1987, copies of which are available in the Parliament House Library.

Necessary Government orders for implementing these decisions have since been issued.

Direct Recruitment in Government/local Bodies/Government Undertakings/statutory bodies

2066. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 25th May under the heading "JOBS ONLY THROUGH EXCHANGES";

(b) if so, whether Government propose to adopt this criterian in all the Central Government Offices, Departments, Semi-Government Offices and Local Bodies to

streamline the process of recruitment and to end the practice of charging high examination fees from unemployed candidates; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The news item pertains to the reported decision taken by the Government of Orissa to make recruitment through the employment exchanges to post under the State Government Departments, Local Bodies, Quasi-Government Agencies and Statutory Bodies.

(b) and (c). So far as the Central Government Departments (including Quasi-Government institutions and Statutory organisations) are concerned, instructions already exist that all vacancies arising under these organisations irrespective of their nature and duration, other than those filled through the Union Public Service Commission/Staff Selection Commission are required to be notified to and filled through the employment exchanges except in specific cases where a different procedure has been laid down.

There is no proposal to give up the examination fees charged from candidates appearing in the examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Commission as the present quantum of fees is not considered unreasonable.

Production of Radio Therapy Units

2067 SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that radio therapy is an accepted procedure for treatment of Cancer;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to produce Cobalt Therapy sources within the country and what is the power of these sources already in production and likely to be in production in the next three years;

(c) whether any indigenous programme for the production of radio therapy units is under consideration of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Isotope Group, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre regularly produces and supplies cobalt-60 teletherapy sources with radiation output upto 150 roentgen per minutes at one metre distance (9000 curies). The radiation output of these sources will be raised upto 200 roentgen per minute in the next 3 years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Some manufacturers have shown interest in the indigenous production of cobalt-60 theapy unit. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre is also undertaking the design of cobalt-60 teletherapy units.

Poor inflow in Krishna Basin

2068. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in *The Hindustan Times* dated the 14th July, 1988 wherein it has been stated that Krishna basin touches lowest in the last 100 years in Andhra Pradesh and poor inflow has been causing anxiety;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) step taken by Government in this regard ?